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Statement from the President of the Canadian Human Rights Commission on the Death of Mr. Louis Laberge

Ottawa – July 24, 2002 – The Canadian Human Rights Commission was greatly saddened to hear of the death of Mr. Louis Laberge, past President of the Québec Federation of Labour.

Front-line battles by courageous and visionary people like Louis Laberge contribute to the effort to claim the economic and social rights entrenched in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, according to Anne Adams. The author of the Declaration, Professor John Humphrey, was another Canadian who stood out in the universal fight for human dignity.

Mr. Laberge is a role model in the fight for human rights. In the battles he led to protect the rights of workers, we recognize his great ability to turn the principles of the Universal Declaration into concrete action.

On behalf of the Canadian Human Rights Commission and myself, I would like to express my sincerest sympathies to Mr. Laberge's wife, his children, and his large union family.

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